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December 20, 1983

Ms. Judith E. Ayres
Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 9
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Ayres:

This is to confirm my recent telephone conversation with Dick Coddington, Water Management Division, regarding the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program. The State Water Resources Control Board no longer intends to pursue, at this time, primacy to administer the UIC program in California for Class I, III, IV, and V wells. The State Board and the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards will, of course, continue to fulfill their responsibilities for protecting the quality of ground and surface waters pursuant to the California Water Code.

The State and Regional Boards desire to cooperate with EPA to assure that State standards for protecting ground water quality are met under the UIC program. We hope that State standards can be achieved through EPA issuance of UIC permits and that Regional Board issuance of waste discharge requirements will not be necessary.

If at some future date we can establish that we have adequate legal authority, we will consider applying to operate the program in California.

"We are anticipating that you will be contracting directly with the State Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas, for the administration of the UIC program for Class II wells. If we have information in our files or if we can be of assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Campos Executive Director SALHAMENTO STRIE



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May 22, 1978

Mr. Paul DeFalco, Jr.
Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. DeFalco:

The State of California desires to participate with EPA in the implementation of the Underground Injection Control portion of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (PL 93-523). California, through the State Water Resources Control Board, has been regulating these practices for the protection of the State's groundwaters for many years.

In order for the State to receive federal grants to conduct the program, EPA regulations require the designation of a lead agency. Therefore, I am designating the State Water Resources Control Board as the lead agency for all purposes related to receiving and disbursing federal grants and for development and conduct of Underground Injection Control programs under PL 93-523. The State Board has the responsibility to coordinate its activities under this designation with other State agencies as appropriate and may enter into memoranda of understanding with other agencies to effect efficient implementation of the program.

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Ms. Judith E. Ayres
Regional Administrator
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Dear Ms. Ayres:

This is to inform you that I have designated the Department of Conservation's Division of Oil and Gas to administer and coordinate the State of California's Underground Injection Control Program for Class II wells in our state.

Mr. Don Blubaugh, Director of the Department of Conservation, and Mr. M. G. Mefferd, State Oil and Gas Supervisor, Division of Oil and Gas, look forward to continuing to work with the EPA in this regard.

Most cordially,

George Deukmejian

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cc: Mr. Don Blubaugh
Mr. M. G. Mefferd